

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1-2. (Withdrawn)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Withdrawn)

6. (Cancelled)

7-12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Withdrawn)

15. (Withdrawn)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A machine part selected from a group including an a vibration damper for an automobile, part other than a tire, and a bicycle part other than a tire, a sealing member for an automobile, and a rotary member for an image forming apparatus, having a portion to be in contact with another object, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a group including resin and rubber, and said portion having a flexible surface entirely or partly coated with a DLC (diamond like carbon) film having a wear resistance and a lubricity as well as a thickness exhibiting flexibility substantially conforming to the flexibility of the surface of said portion.

19. (Currently Amended) A machine part selected from a group including a hose, a sealing member, a pipe and of a sheet, each employed in a machine, and

having a portion to be in contact with another object, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a group including resin and rubber, and said portion having a flexible surface entirely or partly coated with a DLC (diamond like carbon) film having a wear resistance and a lubricity as well as a gas barrier property and having a thickness exhibiting flexibility substantially conforming to the flexibility of the surface of said portion.

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20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Amended) A diaphragm of a diaphragm pump employed in a machine having a portion to be in contact with a liquid, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a group including resin and rubber, and said portion having a flexible surface entirely or partly coated with a DLC (diamond like carbon) film having a wear resistance and a water repellency as well as a thickness exhibiting flexibility substantially conforming to the flexibility of the surface of said portion.

22. (Currently Amended) A wiper blade employed in a machine ~~other than an image-forming apparatus~~ and having a portion to be in contact with water and a window pane of the machine, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a group including resin and rubber, and said portion having a flexible surface entirely or partly coated with a DLC (diamond like carbon) film having a wear resistance and a lubricity as well as a water repellency, and having a thickness exhibiting flexibility substantially conforming to the flexibility of the surface of said portion.

23. (Cancelled)

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